

# The Disabled Veterans Fairness Act



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## Fact Sheet

Under the Current Beneficiary Travel Program	Under The Disabled Veterans Fairness Act
The Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs has the authority to set the mileage reimbursement rate under the Beneficiary Travel Program.	The veterans' mileage reimbursement rate will be equal to the Federal Employee Mileage Reimbursement rate that federal employees receive when driving privately-owned vehicles, as set by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).
Eligible disabled veterans receive 11 cents per mile.	Eligible disabled veterans will receive the current GSA rate of 48.5 cents per mile.
Eligible veterans have to pay a \$3 deductible each way (\$6 round-trip).	This deductible is eliminated.
Funding for the Beneficiary Travel Program comes out of the Medical Services budget under the Department of Veterans' Affairs, competing with funding for clinics, nursing homes, medical equipment, and other VA medical services.	The funding is mandated to come from new and separate appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs', ensuring that the program does not compete with other medical services.
<p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A 30% or more disabled veteran whose travel to a VA facility is in connection with treatment for a service-connected disability.</li><li>• The veteran must be receiving pension or have an annual income that does not exceed the maximum annual rate of pension.</li><li>• An attendant or driver is eligible instead of the veteran, if a driver is necessary.</li></ul>	The Disabled Veterans Fairness Act maintains the same eligibility requirements.

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